

Warriors high school baseball team which recently won the Alabama High School Athletic Association Class 5A State Championship in Montgomery, Alabama.

The Warriors are a highly talented group of athletes that are currently ranked Number One in the USA Today and Baseball America standings. The team has had a nearly perfect season at 38-1, and has provided their school, their families, and our community so much to be proud of.

Let us all raise a cheer for the Warriors and congratulate them on their victory.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, for the House's attention on this day for these talented young Americans.

ANTONIO VILLARAIGOSA, MAYOR
OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES

HON. HILDA L. SOLIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 30, 2005

Ms. SOLIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize an important historical event that will take place on Friday, July 1, 2005: the inauguration of the 41st mayor for the city of Los Angeles, Antonio Villaraigosa.

The first Latino mayor of Los Angeles since 1872, Antonio Villaraigosa will lead one of our Nation's most diversely populated cities. His understanding and compassion to address specific social issues will play a significant role as he secures constituent access to local government resources. Mayor Villaraigosa understands the importance of environmental protection, access to quality employment, equal educational opportunities and smart urban growth.

Mayor Villaraigosa is one of the most promising leaders of our country. I served with him in the California State Assembly. As Speaker of the Assembly, he helped to expand the Healthy Families program to provide health care access for all children. He also helped to pass one of largest park bonds in the State of California, which helped to identify areas in low-income communities to establish urban conservancies. As a result, my district was a proud recipient of one of the largest urban conservancies in California.

Mayor Villaraigosa is an individual who has successfully built bridges between the diverse racial and ethnic communities of Los Angeles. He promotes empowering people and our communities. As we move forward with this change in leadership, with a man who understands the importance of serving the people of Los Angeles, we can add a new chapter in our city's history.

He is a champion for working class families and someone I look forward to continuing to work with in the future. I extend the best wishes to Mayor Villaraigosa and his family.

CONGRATULATING THE FLORIDA CITY OF POMPANO BEACH FOR RECEIVING THE NATIONAL CIVIC LEAGUE'S "ALL-AMERICAN CITY" AWARD

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 30, 2005

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to offer my heartfelt congratulations to the City of Pompano Beach for its recent honor as one of the National Civic League's ten All-America Cities for the year of 2005. This award, which is presented every year to the ten cities that most represent civic excellence, is a true tribute to the great residents of the City of Pompano Beach and the state of Florida. I am proud to stand before this body and honor this great Florida city, which I am so privileged to represent.

Each year, the National Civic League crowns its winners of the coveted All-America Cities Award—the nation's longest running and most prestigious civic recognition program. The National Civic League is a leading proponent of citizen democracy. Founded in 1894 by government reformers such as Theodore Roosevelt, the National Civic League is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization dedicated to building community and promoting political reform at the local level.

The All-America City award recognizes American cities for their civic excellence. The award honors communities, such as the City of Pompano Beach, in which citizens, government, businesses and nonprofit organizations demonstrate successful resolution of critical community issues. Since 1949, more than 4,000 communities have competed and only 500 have been designated All-America Cities. The cities honored by the National Civic League highlight the successes of communities across America and serve as examples of how to work together to overcome obstacles and achieve tangible results.

In order to be named an All-America City, finalists must present three innovative community programs to a nine-person jury. These presentations addressed a wide range of social and community issues, including youth, education, poverty, affordable housing, race relations, and others.

The All-America City award has been called "a Nobel prize for constructive citizenship."

Mr. Speaker, no city exemplifies the idea of constructive citizenship more than the City of Pompano Beach. From its humble beginnings as a small settlement on the shores of the Atlantic to its current size of over 25 square miles, Pompano Beach now boasts over 100,000 full time residents.

The City was at one point the southernmost railroad station of the famous Florida East Coast Railway. It was not until the railway was built that South Florida was finally linked to the rest of the Nation. The first train arrived in the small settlement of Pompano on February 22, 1896. At that time, the town consisted mainly of farmers and a handful of railway employees and professionals. Since then, the city has grown quickly, with farmland in the west and a peaceful beach town atmosphere in the east. These two areas merged successfully in 1947 to form the present day City of Pompano Beach.

The diverse population of Pompano Beach, with its thriving Black community, is its biggest asset. Pompano Beach combines the lifestyle of a quiet seaside community with the benefits of a major metropolitan area. Its high quality of living, as well as its commitment to improving the lives of its citizens, has led to a quickly growing population.

Mr. Speaker, the people of Pompano Beach, Florida have brought credit and honor not only to themselves and their city but also to the people and State of Florida. The City of Pompano Beach is worthy of the praises of the people of Florida as well as the Members of the House of Representatives. It is a city truly worthy of emulation and worthy of the title All-American City.

RECOGNITION OF DOUG STOLL

HON. HENRY A. WAXMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 30, 2005

Mr. WAXMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the achievements of an educational role model, Doug Stoll.

On July 7, 2005, The Creative Coalition and The American Federation of Teachers will honor Mr. Stoll with a 2005 Spotlight Award for Teaching Excellence.

Mr. Stoll is a fifth-grade teacher at Canyon Charter School in Santa Monica, California. Canyon Charter was founded in 1894 and is the oldest elementary school in Los Angeles. It is a public school educating over 300 students in kindergarten through fifth grade.

When he accepts his award, Mr. Stoll will be accompanied by Lawrence O'Donnell, the father of one of his recent students, who is a political analyst, writer, and member of The Creative Coalition. I join Mr. O'Donnell in thanking Mr. Stoll for his commitment to the children at Canyon Charter School.

I congratulate Mr. Stoll on receiving this award and commend him for his enthusiasm and dedication. I would also like to extend my appreciation to both The Creative Coalition and The American Federation of Teachers for their support of our public schools.

RECOGNIZING FOURTH OF JULY

HON. HILDA L. SOLIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 30, 2005

Ms. SOLIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. On July 4, 1776, we won independence and democracy was born. We created a great Nation and established a hopeful vision of liberty and equality that endures today.

Independence Day is a joyous occasion for Americans as we take pride in our Nation's diversity and accomplishments. The United States is truly a diverse Nation made up of dynamic people. Every day thousands of people from all cultures come to this country seeking the promise of freedom, opportunity, and the American dream.

As we celebrate the Fourth of July let us express our gratitude to the brave servicemen

and women serving in Iraq and around the world. They should be commended for answering our Nation's call to duty. Their service exemplifies all that is great about our Nation: courage, honor, sacrifice, dedication, and distinction. They are preserving the democratic principles we treasure so dearly. Americans would not enjoy the many freedoms we have today had it not been for the honorable service of our U.S. veterans. We owe our troops a secure return home to a grateful Nation and a secure future.

Since the events of Sept. 11, 2001, the Federal Government, along with State and local officials, has taken numerous steps to ensure greater security for our Nation. It is crucial that we address any security concerns that may leave our country vulnerable to another terrorist attack. But while defending our country, we must not sacrifice the civil liberties that make our land unique. We must ensure greater security for our people and also be vigilant about our individual freedoms. We must strike the right balance in meeting this challenge.

On this Fourth of July, let us work together to create an America that remains the world's strongest force for peace, justice, and freedom.

INTRODUCTION OF A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION CONCERNING CHINA

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 30, 2005

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, today my colleague from Connecticut, Mrs. JOHNSON, and I are introducing a concurrent resolution calling upon the Bush Administration to urge the Government of China to refrain from adopting new regulations that would make it nearly impossible for U.S. software companies to sell their products to the Chinese government. The resolution also calls upon the Administration to urge China to join the World Trade Organization (WTO) Agreement on Government Procurement, as China committed to do when it joined the WTO in 2001.

The regulations that China has proposed would require U.S. software companies to manufacture all of their products in China, register their copyrights first in China and perform at least 50 percent of their development in China. Perhaps the most disturbing aspect of the proposed rules is a requirement that American companies outsource a specific percentage of their work to China.

To be honest, I am amazed that China would propose these rules at a time when American companies already are facing significant impediments to doing business in China. Piracy rates of intellectual property—including software—in China remain as high as 90 percent. In addition, China continues to provide subsidies to its manufacturers, and manipulate its currency—despite calls from international institutions and governments around the world to stop this practice. These unfair trade barriers contributed to a record \$162 billion trade deficit with China in 2004. That deficit is on track to top \$170 billion this year.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased that Ambassador Portman, our U.S. Trade Representative, and

Commerce Secretary Gutierrez are scheduled to travel to Beijing on July 11, to meet with Chinese officials at the annual U.S.-China Joint Commission on Commerce and Trade. I urge Ambassador Portman and Secretary Gutierrez to press upon the Chinese that the proposed software procurement rules are unacceptable. Further, it must be made clear that the U.S. Congress is growing increasingly frustrated that China is not living up to the obligations that the country agreed upon when acceding to the WTO in 2001. As a supporter of the legislation granting Permanent Normal Trade Relations status to China, I am particularly disappointed by its failure to comply with its obligations.

One of the commitments China made in 2001 was to join the WTO Government Procurement Agreement "as soon as possible." Three years later, China has yet to begin the process of acceding to this agreement. Its participation in this agreement is essential, as the GPA requires countries to ensure that their procurement processes are transparent and do not unfairly discriminate between domestic and foreign companies.

I urge my colleagues to support this resolution.

UPPER WHITE SALMON WILD AND SCENIC RIVERS ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. DOC HASTINGS

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 27, 2005

Mr. HASTINGS of Washington. Mr. Speaker, earlier this week, the Upper White Salmon Wild and Scenic Rivers Act, H.R. 38, passed the House by a voice vote. I want to make clear where I stand on this issue.

The White Salmon River begins in the Cascade Mountains, fed by snowmelt from nearby Mt. Adams and the rains for which Western Washington is famous. The river makes its way south, winding through Skamania and Klickitat counties, until it meets the Columbia River in the heart of the Columbia River Gorge.

The Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area Act made much of the lower river part of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers program. At the same time, it directed the Forest Service to study the suitability of the upper river for designation as well. The legislation passed this week adds 20 miles of the Upper White Salmon River and Cascade Creek to the National Wild and Scenic Rivers program. This portion of the river is entirely within the Gifford Pinchot National Forest and outside of the Fourth District of Washington, which I represent.

While I did not oppose the legislation the House passed earlier this week, I do want to make clear that I would have considerable concerns with any proposal to declare as Wild and Scenic any currently undesignated portions of the White Salmon River that flows through the district that I represent. The views of local county commissioners, elected officials and affected landowners would be of paramount interest to me should any such designation

be suggested or proposed. This portion of the river does not run through Federal land, but through private property of economic importance to the landowners and local communities. The burden of Federal regulation is already very heavy on the area, and I have great reservations about actions that would make the load even more difficult to bear.

We have an obligation to protect the natural treasures of the Columbia Gorge while also protecting the livelihoods of those that make their homes there. I look forward to continuing to work closely with my colleagues from the Northwest to make sure we strike the right balance on such matters.

TRIBUTE TO MR. EDWARD H. KING

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 30, 2005

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Mr. Edward H. King who today retired from the Walgreen's Company after 27 years of distinguished service. Mr. King joined Walgreens in 1978 after serving as chief legislative assistant to the late U.S. Senator Dewey Bartlett of Oklahoma. He also served as executive director of the Northern Oklahoma Development Association from 1973 to 1975.

Mr. King received his bachelor's degree in history in 1968 from the University of Tulsa and his J.D. in 1972 from the University of Tulsa School of Law. In his current position as director of government and community relations for the Walgreen Company he helped to increase the visibility of his company throughout the community.

Mr. King could be found championing causes like the One on One mentoring and tutoring program geared toward at risk children in Chicago. Since 1989 Walgreens has contributed more than 1.3 million to that effort. Additionally, I am pleased to have worked with Mr. King and Walgreens in a curfew awareness campaign aimed at getting young people off the street and in their homes. Through the leadership of Mr. King Walgreens has been actively engaged in supporting efforts to find a cure for HIV/AIDS and promoting awareness. The work of Walgreens has not only been domestic in nature.

Recently, I had the opportunity to work with Mr. King in assisting Walgreens donation of 200,000 eyeglasses to the following countries in Africa: Cameroon, Ghana, Nigeria, Senegal, South Africa, Tanzania, and Uganda. Mr. King and the Walgreen Company understand the corporate responsibility role in giving back to improve communities in which they serve.

Mr. King is a man who has received numerous awards and honors. Perhaps the greatest reward is that found in his family and wife of 16 years Jo Ellen Thomson and his three children Aidan, Ming, and Ryland. Mr. King as you retire from Walgreens it is my hope that you will remain involved in community building—just at a different pace. Mr. Speaker, and my colleagues please join with me and the residents of the Seventh Congressional District in saluting Mr. Ed King for 27 outstanding years of service to the Walgreen Company.